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SUBJECT: DUBAI WEDDING BRINGS PML, PPP TOGETHER

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Classified By: Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

- [1](#). (U) On 26 December, ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) President Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain (Shujatt) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chair
- [2](#). (C) The meeting had little to do with chance, although few on the PML side were brought into the loop before the event. A PML contact told
- [3](#). (C) Many observers saw the meeting as a step toward the broad progressive political coalition that President Musharraf describes as necessary
- [4](#). (C) Comment: The "chance" wedding conversation was the first time Shujaat and BB have seen each other since at least 1999, when BB left Pakistan. CROCKER